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SUBJECT: CHANCERY ACCESS: EXCHANGE STUDENT ENCOUNTERS TROUBLE

1. EXCHANGE STUDENT, CHARLES NEIDICH, HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING PAST CHANCERY GUARDS MARNING DECEMBER 22. ACCORDING TO NEIDICH, A MILITIAMAN ASKED HIM (IN RUSSIAN) WHERE HE WAS GOING. HE ANSWERED (IN ENGLISH) THAT HE WAS GOING TO HIS EMBASSY AND WAS ASKED IF HE WAS AMERICAN. HE SAID THAT HE WAS, BUT WHEN ASKED FOR HIS PASSPORT, SAID THAT HE DID NOT HAVE IT WITH HIM. NEIDICH OFFERED OTHER IDENTIFICATION AND WAS TOLD THAT HE NEEDED HIS PASSPORT. THE MILITIAMAN, AT THAT POINT, PUSHED HIM WITH HIS HAND. NEIDICH WAS FINALLY ABLE TO CONVINCE THE MILITIAMAN TO ALLOW HIM TO ENTER THE CHANCERY. NEIDICH COMMENTS THAT, WHILE HE HAS BEEN STOPPED BEFORE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HE HAS BEEN PUSHED. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE MILITIAMAN'S TONE WAS "CRUDE AND FAMILIAR."

2. RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO PROTEST THIS HINDRANCE OF ACCESS TO THE CHANCERY. WE WOULD
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MAKE POINT THAT, WHILE MILITIAMEN HAVE NO RIGHT TO PRESENT ACCESS BY ANYONE, IT IS PARTICULARLY INTO-
LERABLE THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS BE OBSTRUCTED IN ENTERING THEIR OWN EMBASSY. MALTOCK

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